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**Region VIII**

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March 9, 2011

Mary Dalton, Medicaid & Health Services Manager  
Montana Department of Health & Human Services  
1400 Broadway  
PO Box 202951  
Helena, MT 59620

Re: SPA MT-11-008

Dear Ms Dalton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-008. The purpose of this SPA is to establish in the State Plan the State's intention to implement the required Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) program, in accordance with the final rule on the "Medicaid Program; Recovery Audit Contractors". Within the SPA the State is seeking an exception to the immediate establishment of the program, due to the need for legislative approval for the necessary expenditure. The State is in agreement that they will meet the requirements of the final rule regarding implementation of the program.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Diana Maiden at 303-844-7114.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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Jo Thompson